Facts about OneHour Guitar Chord Method

The only way to master guitar chords is to understand them.

Traditional music education is ancient. Guitar has been popular over 100 years. Still the traditional education has failed in many tasks. One may have played guitar 20 years and still have no clue how to finger Gm6. Chord lexicons and chord generators are no solution. You still have to strain your memory. And still the chords remain just irrational "dots on diagrams".

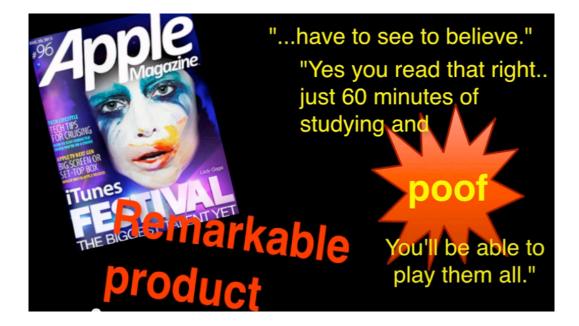
Chord building is mathematics, but very simple. The ability to form any guitar chord including all the complex jazz chords and chord inversions can be achieved in one hour.

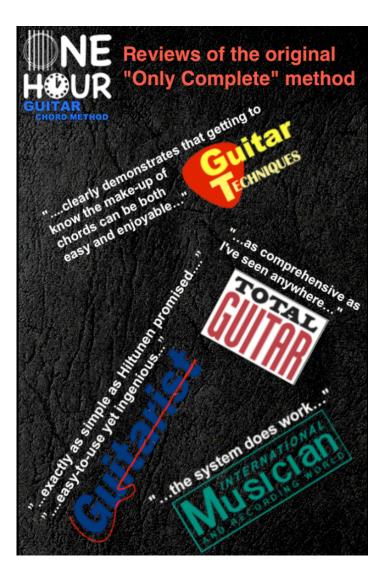
"OneHour Guitar Chord Method" is the only guitar application which teaches the user to form all chords. Learning by rote is no more needed. All the other applications are just chord lexicons. The app starts with an interactive tutorial and in 5 minutes you are "forced" to form Dm7, Dm6, Dmmaj7, D7sus4 etc. The app does not ignore the few pitfalls in chord building unlike all chord generators I have seen.

After the release the top ranking in Finland was N:o1 in *ALL* categories and it stayed in top 5 in music applications almost the whole summer. It was downloaded almost 5000 times in only 5 million people Finland in three months. (Same ratio 1/1000 would mean 300 000 downloads in USA.)



See one minute video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VuTR6zgjsr4





After an extremely positive review in German "Akustic Gitarre" (only 20 000 readers) it reached the top 10 in 6 european countries (although the german translation is only planned so far). See the translation of the review below.



Software für Gitarristen

One Hour Akkord-App für iOS

Von Peter Autschbach

Reijo Hitunen aus Finnland verspricht nicht, dass man nach nur einer Stunde alles Wissenswerte über Akkorde begriffen hat. Aber er verspricht, dass man nach einer Stunde alle Grifftabellen und alle bisher bekannten Akkordgeneratoren in den Kamin wirft. Nach dem Öffnen der App, die auf iPhone und Apple-Tablets läuft, wird der Benutzer gezwungen, ein kleines Tutorial durchzuarbeiten, vorher öffnet sich die reguläre Benutzeroberfläche nicht. Diese Anleitung zeigt klar und unmissverständlich, wie die App funktioniert, ist also eine gute Hilfe.

Die App schlüsselt das Griffbrett nicht nach Tonnamen auf, sondern in Intervallbezügen zum jeweiligen gewünschten Grundton. Der Benutzer kann sich einen Akkord bauen, man kann alle gängigen Optionen integrieren und so jeden möglichen Akkord bilden. Einen G-Powerchord, einen jazzigen G13b9, einen offenen G9sus, vermindert, Moll, 9#11 – alles ist mödlich. Es gibt keine weltweit bindende



Gut funktionierende i0S-App für Akkordsucher

Norm für Akkordbezifferungen, hier sind die Bezeichnungen sinnvoll gewählt. Nach Anwahl des gewünschten Akkordsymbols wird das Griffbrett komplett mit der Sicht auf genau dessen Intervallstruktur angezeigt und man bekommt Hinweise, wo man die einzelnen Töne greifen kann, ob noch einer fehlt, ob man beim Akkordaufbau einen Fehler gemacht hat oder gerade dabei ist, einen Fingerbrecher zu kreieren. Das ist schlichtweg genial. Alles kann man auch anhören, sogar mit Strumming über das Griffbrett. Es gibt die Möglichkeit, einen Kapo aufzusetzen und sogar das Tuning zu verändern. Letzteres eröffnet neue Wege für das Erlernen von beispielsweise DADGAD.

Reine Grifftabellen ohne harmonischen Kontext kann man kaum gewinnbringend verwen-

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den, es sei denn man schlägt Ted Greene's Akkodsammlung auf, die selbat dem fortgeschrittenen Gitarristen noch Überraschungen beschert. Das Versprechen, dabei zu helfen, möglichst schnell sinnvolle Griffe auf der Gitarre selbst zu finden, wird mit dieser App erfüllt. Nebenbei erhält man auch noch Nachhilfe in Griffbrettübersicht und Akkordkonstruktion. Für den günstigen Preis von unter fünf Euro gehört OneHour auf das Apple-Mobil-Gerät jedes Gitarristen. Eine deutsche Übersetzung hat Hiltunen schon angekündigt; die App läuft momentan ausschließlich unter IOS, Bezug über Tiunes/Apple App-Store. Infe: www.onehourmethod.com

Transcribe! Software zum Heraushören von Musik

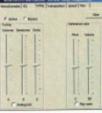
Von Andreas Schulz

Pat Metheny zeigte sich angetan von dem kleinen Programm Transcribe! des Programmierers Seventh String Software aus London: "An amazing tool for musicians with a few really interesting new features". Das stimmt.

Transcribe!, ein Programm, das bei mir seit einiger Zeit im Einsatz ist und auf das ich nicht verzichten möchte, erleichtert ungemein das Heraushören von Musik. Wichtigste Funktion zum Transkribieren ist das Verlangsamen der Musik unter Beibehaltung der Tonhöhe. Die maximale Verlangsamung beträgt fünf Prozent des Originaltempos, hier sind natürlich Artefakte zu hören, die sich dennoch im Rahmen halten. Weniger extreme Tempoanpassungen klingen überzeugend. Auch schnelleres Abhören mit bis zu 200 Prozent ist möglich und offenbart bisweilen interessante Details bei der Analyse. Zweite zentrale Funktion ist die Transponierung von Audiodateien, in Realtime oder als Export in einer neuen Datei (WAV/ AIF/M4A, kein MP3). Das brauchen Gitarristen, wenn sie einen Song in eine andere Tonart übertragen wollen (weil er da besser spielbar ist oder der Gesang es erfordert), ohne die Originaltonart erst herausschreiben zu müssen. Verstimmungen sind in Oktaven (+/- 2 Oct.), Halbtönen (+/- 12 Semitones) oder Cent möglich, der "verstimmte" Song ist ebenfalls exportierbar. Wertvoll ist die Loop-Funktion, mit der man eine beliebige Passage als Schleife abspielen kann; auch programmierbare Marker gibt es und eine Text-Zone, wo man parallel zur Timeline der Audiodatei Notizen platzieren kann. Wer Hilfestellung zur Identifizierung von Tonhöhen benötigt, kann



Transcribe!



Fenster für Tuning, Speed und Expo

sich eine Piano-Roll anzeige versucht das Programm, die Musikmaterials zu erkennen, v phon funktioniert. Bei komple es wenig verwertbare Ergebni Gitarrensoloaufnahme wird sc dass das eine Hilfe beim Tran kann, Eine Tastatur als Tonhö ebenfalls an Bord, außerdem vi ten, das Programm den eigene und Bedienwünschen anzupass kann auch Videos Laden, das I nem separaten Fenster angezei Speed-Einstellung im Hauptpro hilfreich für Tutorial-Videos: hört das Material in quasi bel - in Zeiten von YouTube ein I Unterstützt werden .mov- und

Fazit: Transcribe! unterstützt beim "Raushören" von Musi Beste, Das Programm steckt Ideen, ist alltagstauglich und dienen. Transcribe! ist in vie beim Transkribieren, Notieren, menarbeit mit anderen Musike lyse von Soli und Phrasierung beim Mitspielen zu Playalon denen Tonarten. Transcribe! klare Empfehlung. Das Progra Windows, Mac und Linux, die Funktionsbeschränkung beträc nach muss man das Programn zenzschlüssel freischalten, de US\$ zu erwerben ist (circa 29 Info; www.seventhstring.com

"OneHour Chord App for iOS

Reijo Hiltunen from Finland doesn't promise that you will learn everything there is to know about chords within one hour. But he does promise that after one hour, you will throw all chord charts and all chord generators you have known so far into the fireplace. After starting the app, which runs on iPhone and Apple tablets, the user is forced to work through a small tutorial and cannot access the regular user interface before completing it. This **tutorial shows clearly and unmistakably how the app is working** and is therefore a good help.

The app doesn't break down the fretboard into tone names but into interval relations of a selected key tone. The user can build a chord himself, all common options can be integrated and therefore every possible chord can be created. Whether it's a G power chord, a jazzstyle G13b9, an open G9sus, diminished, minor, 9#11 – everything is possible. There is no worldwide common standard for chord notation, the notation used in this app was chosen wisely. After selecting the desired chord symbol, the fretboard displays the chord's interval structure and the app is giving advice where the individual notes are located, whether a note is still missing, if a mistake was made when building the chord or if one is about to create a finger-twister. This is simply ingenious. Everything can be listened to as well, even as strumming over the fretboard. It is possible to place a capo and even to change the tuning. The latter opens up new ways to learn about, for example, DADGAD.

Pure chord charts without harmonic context can be hardly used in a profitable way, except you take Ted Greene's chord collection, where even the advanced guitar player can find some surprises. **The promise to help finding and building meaningful chords yourself on the guitar in a fast way is kept by this app.** Along the way you will learn about the fretboard schema and chord construction. With its low price of less than 5 Euro, **OneHour belongs on every guitar player's mobile Apple device.** Hiltunen already announced a German translation. The app is currently only available for iOS and can be purchased from iTunes / Apple App-Store."

More is planned, the new update with an ultimate "chord guesser" feature telling also the rootless chords has been released already. Translations in several languages and apps for seven string guitar, ukulele, banjo, etc are planned. Chord recognition when played in the mic.

A whole new application of chord progressions based on my book 20 years ago is planned. That app would be useful for any polyphonic instrument player.

All these for Android too.

See the review of "Guitarist" below.

......"The information on chord progression would be invaluable for anyone trying to understand the compositional logic behind most popular music of the last 50 years: starting from the most basic I IV V progression, you progress through the possibilities of all seven diatonic chords and into the **dark and mysterious world of substitution**."

Adrian Clark, in Guitarist december -94.

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Some user evaluations:

The application "OneHour Guitar Chord Method" is based on "*The Only Complete Guitar Chord Method*", which was praised in international guitar magazines:

"The Only Complete Guitar Chord Method clearly demonstrates that getting to know the make-up of chords can be both easy and enjoyable." Neville Marten, Editor, Guitar Techniques

"The Only Complete Guitar Chord Method is an easy-to-use yet ingenious method for expanding your chordal vocabulary – it's not just a chord dictionary – it actually helps you to construct and fully understand chord structure."

Phil Hilborne, Techniques editor, Guitarist

"If you've ever wrestled with one of those orthodox chord tutors which seem to work on a need-to-know basis, you need Dr. Reijo Hiltunen's brainchild, the Only Complete Guitar Chord Method... The system does work." John Perry, in August '91, Musician

"This is as comprehensive a chord reference book as you'll find anywhere. Very handy." Joe Bennett, Harry Wylie and Tim Tucker, in May '96, Total Guitar

"Putting the book through its pages, I found it to be exactly as simple as Hiltunen promised. ...I was instantly struck by how friendly this book feels; although quite a dense theoretical study the emphasis is definitely on using the theory for musical purposes, and, above all, on having fun." Adrian Clark, in December '94, Guitarist

Brilliant $\star \star \star \star \star$

by Vursti - Version 1.12 - Mar 5, 2014

Great app! There is nothing else to say.

A very nice app for learning guitar $\star \star \star \star \star$

by MrSeaMonkey - Version 1.12 - Mar 4, 2014

It's a very nice program. I learned some things. (And I've got a lot to learn.) You'll still need to think and use your brain. But it's a slick interface that is a little more fun than looking at a book. And it's a nice

progression between chord patterns. With more time invested in it, I'll definitely learn even more. My playing will then benefit, to be sure.

Amazing $\star \star \star$

by ArMcKone - Version 1.12 - Feb 9, 2014

Systematic approach, resonates well with the math oriented user. Good for learning chords.

5 stars $\star \star \star \star \star$

by FrostyRum - Version 1.12 - Feb 6, 2014

Easy learning method.

No doubt the best chord app out there! $\star \star \star \star \star$

by JOE SEAGER ACOUSTIC – Version 1.11 – Jan 31, 2014

This is a fantastic app-a real gem! It really gets down to the basics of chord construction yet more importantly makes you understand the whys about each chord (I.e roots, intervals 3rds, 5ths & 7ths etc). Its easy to use and is suitably challenging to even experience players. How I wish if found this app earlier. Thank you – I'm going to relish having sound chord understanding in no time and perhaps most importantly understand why (us guitarist can sometimes overlook this) and I'm sure this will sell extremely well. One area to extend/improve maybe to go through chord families i.e. chords that go well together and why. Other than that – the best app iv purchased! I'll keep the look out for anymore!

Really useful! $\star \star \star \star \star$

by Hultsin pappa - Version 1.11 - Jan 9, 2014

I had this app in my iPad for months before I had the time to check it out. What a really easy way of finding chords on the fretboard! Wish I'd had one 30 years ago when I was searching for the chords on my own by ear...

$\mathsf{MD} \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$

by KmBek - Version 1.00 - Jun 6, 2013

I learned in 30 min more of chords than in 10 years before this application

Fantastic! $\star \star \star \star \star$

by Mankonen - Version 1.11 - Nov 18, 2013

Delivers exactly what it promises. I just wish I had known all this 20 years ago. But better late than never.

Helped $\star \star \star \star \star$

by sobakevich - Version 1.10 - Nov 10, 2013

Always was interested in knowing chords constructions. This is a fine interactiv Thank you!

Excellent program $\star \star \star \star \star$

by Marko Heikkilä – Version 1.10 – Nov 7, 2013

This method really works!

Great app! $\star \star \star \star \star$

by Röntsä – Version 1.10 – Oct 11, 2013

The more you get familiar with the app, the better it is! Simple but still very versatile. Definitely an app to try for a serious guitar player...

Amazing learning app!!! $\star \star \star \star \star$

by Vellungton - Version 1.10 - Jul 6, 2013

I have been playing guitar for fun two years now. This app is really amazing! The method illustrated here really helps to understand what you are doing when playing guitar. Most highly recommende for any guitarist! Even (or especially) for the beginners!

An absolutely genious eay to learn chords $\star \star \star \star \star$

by `__´ - Version 1.10 - Jun 25, 2013

..and not just chords, This method unlocks the pattern / chord-shapestuck guitarist's thinking and allows one to construct chords, scales and arpeggios easily and in the most logical way possible. It helps one to understand why certain things sound how they do and helps to see how intervals, chord shapes and inversions are connected to each other. Honestly, this method is all you need to learn ANY chord or arpeggio there is. Most importantly, the method is FUN, rewarding and once the method is learnt the system starts feeding itself, so you'll never ever forget what you've learnt with the method, you'll only get deeper in seeing how the fretboard works. Sounds too good to be true, I know, but I learnt the guitar with the predecessor to this, the Only Complete method. Understanding chords, arpeggios and scales through the method has been the biggest "HEUREKA"-experience for me in my 15 years as a professional musician. It made me realise that chords or scales aren't hard, they're completely logical and learning them is easy. This method unlocked the fretboard and the how I approach the guitar in general for me, I highly recommend this App to everyone, from beginner to pro player.

Phantastic! $\star \star \star \star \star$

by Zappa55 - Version 1.10 - Jun 19, 2013

I have played guitar +40 years and only now I understand. How easy forming even the most complicated chords can be! In less than one hour.

A blast! $\star \star \star \star \star$

by GtrDude2 - Version 1.00 - Jun 16, 2013

It took a few minutes to get what this is about, but It blew my mind to really understand how chord can be done from anywhere on fretboard. Thanks guys!

Excellent! $\star \star \star \star \star$

by K-V-A - Version 1.00 - Jun 16, 2013

This software makes guitar playing even more rewarding. Music chord lessons has been packaged in a simple form. Thanks

It works! $\star \star \star \star \star$

by Becoming guitar hero - Version 1.00 - Jun 16, 2013

Finally I can get idea how to play guitar. 1 hour to learn it is worth it!!!!

excellent! $\star \star \star \star \star$

by Pertti Korhonen - Version 1.00 - Jun 15, 2013

any fool can make things complex but it takes a genius to make them simple (Albert Einstein). This method and app is simply ingenious! And by the way created by a finnish medical doctor as a hobby...

Jes! $\star \star \star \star \star$

by ByHanna - Version 1.00 - Jun 12, 2013

I learned more of chords in 45 minutes than in 20 yrs before this application

Brilliant $\star \star \star \star \star$

by 55Player - Version 1.00 - Jun 11, 2013

Brilliant !

Awesomeness! ★★★★

by Tuncciboy – Version 1.00 – Jun 11, 2013

Best app ever!

 $MD \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar \bigstar$ by KmBek – Version 1.00 – Jun 6, 2013

I learned in 30 min more of chords than in 10 years before this application

Awesome! $\star \star \star \star \star$

by Isoo mörköö – Version 1.00 – Jun 5, 2013

A must app for every guitarist from beginner to PROs! I thought I would never learn anything but basic chords, because I don't know the theory. That was before this app. Thank you! You just must find One Hour.

Excellent app! $\star \star \star \star \star$

by Stepanov123 - Version 1.00 - Jun 4, 2013

Very easy and logical user interface for beginners and advanced players!

Apple Magazine summer 2013

Guitar Chord Learning Curve Fast Forwards Via OneHour Guitar Method App



Guitar novices having trouble getting

past a basic D chord may have to see this to believe it, but a new iPhone/iPad app promises to teach you all the chords you'll ever want to play in just one hour. Yes, you read that right: dust sixty minutes of studying and pool routil be able to play them all.

But how?

Well, the method for OneHour Guitar Method by Oy Complete Music RH Ltd. is based on Dr. Reijo Hiltunen's venerable book entitled "The Only Complete Guitar Chord Method." The idea behind this book and now the fresh app is to have guitar students learn through actually forming the chords instead of memorizing the fingering through repetitive action.

Hiltunen remarks, "The theory behind chords is actually very simple, but it has always been taught in a complicated way."

In other words, this new app offers a musical shortcut, something anyone eager to master a string instrument will surely cherish.

The remarkable product for iPhone and iPad users was introduced in its homeland of Finland in May and hit the top of the iTunes chart in that Scandinavian country in record time. Not only were customers playing all chords in the amount of time promised, but OneHour Guitar method users have been happily and handily handing out 5-star ratings for this gig-oriented product ever since.

In fact, even stern Total Guitar magazine approved the app, saying it is "... as comprehensive as I've seen anywhere." Pretty amazing for a process that has nothing to do with a chord generator.

So, with that said, are you convinced and ready to dive in? Then download the latest version of OneHour Guitar, available for iPhone and iPads on iTunes. Cost is \$4.99 and can also be found in all App Stores.

Meanwhile, more explanation about how and why this guitar learning method works can be found online at the OneHour Method author's site.

TheGearPage 8/11

Spent an hour with this and it's fantastic. I know little theory and this is like having a map for my fretboard.

TheGearPage 9/11

I have played bass for 30+ years, and I have some college level music education.

I have been gigging on guitar for two years. I have downloaded several Apps to help me quickly identify or construct chords.

YOUR app is BY FAR the best I have ever seen!

TheGearPage 10/11 (sama)

No affiliation with the author.

Been a gigging bassist for decades. Started gigging as a guitarist a couple of years ago, and I knew enough to be competent, but not remarkable. The reason is that I have always played bass by the numbers, but I tried to learn guitar by a hybrid of what I knew of the CAGED system, music theory (college 30 years ago) and of course I know all the notes, but it has been cumbersome.

I have downloaded several chord apps this past year, and I have learned another dozen useful voicings, but playing "Monkey See, Monkey Do" with an App gave me fish, but did not TEACH me HOW to fish. A half an hour with this app and the light bulbs lit up for me, and I am constructing my own chords and voicings. The inclusion of chord construction theory in this app is an answer to prayer.

Without a doubt, this is the most useful chord construction and recognition app I have ever used.

It forces you to walk through a tutorial that, in the beginning seems very rudimentary, but in the end teaches you how to get the most out of the app.

Could I have learned all this with a half a dozen lessons with a good guitar teacher? Yes.

Could I buy a half a dozen lessons for \$5.00? Nope! And this weekend, downloading the App is free! I wish I knew about this 2 years ago!

TheGearPage 11/10 2013

Very logical approach. Many thanks! I'll tell my students as well.

TheGearPage 11/10 2013

This is a really well done application. Fun to use and intuitive. Thank you for helping me learn something after playing all these years

TheGearPage 04/03 -14

I just down loaded this and have to say it really is a good app. It's easy to follow and well laid out and being able to here all the different inversions is a real plus.

TheGearPage 05/03 -14

Great app! Free download. I learned so much...and I have so much more to learn. Thank you for posting this op!!!